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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the interview summary mailed on 11/07/2005 the Examiner has indicated that "independent claim 1 may overcome the rejection and be allowable if it were to include all the limitations from dependent claim 12, and that all other independent claims would similarly be allowable if they were amended to include the same limitations as proposed for independent claim 1."

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include all the limitations from dependent claim 12, and intervening claims 5 and 11. Dependent claims 5, 11, 12 have been canceled.

Independent claim 20 has been amended to include all the limitations from dependent claim 31, and intervening claims 24 and 30. Dependent claims 24, 30, 31 have been canceled.

Independent claim 35 has been amended to include all the limitations from dependent claim 46, and intervening claims 39 and 45. Dependent claims 39, 45, 46 have been canceled.

Claims 48-65 have been canceled.

All non-canceled dependent claims have been placed in a condition where they depend directly or indirectly on amended independent claims 1, 20, or 35.

Conclusion

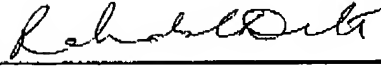
For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims are patentable over the art of record. Should any additional fees beyond those indicated be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0466.

The attorney/agent invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 557-2292 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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